

The Peace (I/II)

The first of two features on 'The Peace'

THE 'HOLY KISS' is mentioned several times in the New Testament (Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:26, and 1 Peter 5:14) and became a common part of eucharistic worship from the earliest times.

This was not just the kiss on the cheek, whereby men in the Mediterranean world greeted one another, but a kiss on the lips. In the early centuries men and women sat separately. The 'holy kiss' is called 'a sign of Peace' by the church fathers: in the words of an Easter sermon of St Augustine (227):

'after the consecration of the Holy Sacrifice of God, because He wished us also to be His sacrifice, a fact which was made clear when the Holy Sacrifice was first instituted, and because that Sacrifice is a sign of what we are, behold, when the Sacrifice is finished, we say the Lord's Prayer which you have received and recited. After this, the 'Peace be with you' is said, and the

Christians embrace one another with the holy kiss. This is a sign of peace; as the lips indicate, let peace be made in your conscience, that is, when your lips draw near to those of your brother, do not let your heart withdraw from his. Hence, these are great and powerful sacraments.

The 'Kiss of Peace', as it came to be known in English, was in Greek *eiréné* (εἰρήνη) ('peace', and *Pax* in Latin). The source of the peace greeting is probably from the common Hebrew greeting *shalom*; and the greeting 'Peace be with you' is similarly a translation of the Hebrew *shalom aleichem*.

In the Gospels, both greetings were used by Jesus - e.g. Luke 24:36; John 20:21, 20:26. The Latin term translated as 'sign of peace' being simply *pax* ('peace'), not *signum pacis* ('sign of peace') nor *osculum pacis* ('kiss of peace'), the invitation by the deacon, or in his absence by the priest, 'Let us offer each other the sign of peace', is in Latin: *Offerte vobis pacem* ('Offer each other Peace' or 'Offer each other the Peace').

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Sunday 17 th September	SUNDAY 24A PER ANNUM Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year A: Psalter Week 4 [GREEN]
Monday 18 th September	<i>Of Week 24</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[green]
Tuesday 19 th September	<i>St Theodore of Canterbury</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[white]
Wednesday 20 th September	St Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions, Martyrs Adoration: 11.45am Mass: 12.15pm St Mary's	[red]
Thursday 21 st September	St Matthew, Apostle Mass: 9.15am St Mary's	[red]
Friday 22 nd September	<i>Of Week 24</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i> Wedding: 1.30pm Joel Smith & Sophia Rubie	[green] Holy Souls
Saturday 23 rd September	St Pio of Pietrelcina, Religious <i>No Mass at St Mary's. Mass: 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot</i>	[white]
Sunday 24 th September	SUNDAY 25A PER ANNUM Family Harvest Thanksgiving Mass: 9.30am St Mary's Mass: 11.15am St Patrick's	Year A: Psalter Week 1 [GREEN]
Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk		

TODAY

SECOND COLLECTION

Today is Home Mission Sunday. Bishops invite parishes to pray for the mission of the Church in England and Wales. There will be a second collection to support the Bishops' work of evangelisation.

ST PATRICK'S BBQ

It will start after the 11.15 Mass, allowing for walkers from St Mary's to arrive.

ALPHA AT ST AMAND'S SCHOOL

Please come to our first evening from 5.30-8pm, with a light supper included. There is no charge but donations are welcome!

THIS WEEK

MUMS ON THE RUN

Join us on **Monday (18th September) at 8.00pm** in the Holy Family Room. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers, please come along to these meetings. Contact Gillian for more information gillian-groeger@hotmail.com

PPC MEETING

On **Thursday (21st September)** at 8pm in the Holy Family Room at St Mary's.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT ST MARY'S

On Sunday (24th September)

AFTERNOON TEA

Join us for afternoon tea in Snells Hall on **Sunday (24th September)**, in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham, from 2-4pm.

LOOKING AHEAD

CATHOLIC COUPLES' CAROUSEL

On Wednesday **27th September** 8pm at Cozens Farm.

HFBC MEETING

On Wednesday **11th October** 7.30pm at St Mary's Holy Family Room.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The Cathedral: 24/9; ACN: 15/10;



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NEWSLETTER | Please **do not** send any new items until the **25th September**.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Kathleen Doyle, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadvyga Adaske, Angus Clark and Helen Walker. Names remain for four weeks. Please request further inclusion.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Albert Wheatley, James Bridger, Gertrude Keenex, William Castle, Kevin Barry and Eddie Reavey,*

HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER INTENTION - PARISHES

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

CREATIVE MINISTRY RETREAT

A weekend of faith inspired music and arts for ages 14 - 18 featuring Worship and creativity, Eucharistic adoration, Exploring the Mass, Art in sacred spaces, Leading liturgical music, Freedom in Worship and Open Mic. On **20th-22nd October** at Cold Ash Centre. Cost: £100. For more information please visit the youth website youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

VULNERABLE ADULTS TRAINING IN OXFORD

Saturday 11 November 10.00am - 12.30pm at The Rosary Room, Yarnells Hill, Botley, Oxford OX2 9BD. Please email Soraya at soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

APF RED BOXES

Please remember to bring in your boxes to your promoter, for them to empty out all your unspent money from your holidays. Please be prompt as the £1 coins are going out of circulation in October. Thank you all for your generosity. Margaret Maytham 850126

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need a few more volunteers for midweek tasks in church. Please see if you could help. The bins can be very heavy! Other jobs include emptying bins, keeping the votive candle stands fully stocked, sorting leaflets, watering flowers, attending to the candles. Small jobs but our volunteer base is too narrow at present. Please have a word with Fr Andrew.

DO YOU BY ANY CHANCE HAVE SKY TV?

Well, if so, channel 589 is the Catholic channel called EWTN. They have a range of programmes including Mass, devotions, catechesis and talks. Plus series on lives of saints. They also broadcast children's programmes.